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THE BUGABOO OF CONGRESS.

Congress has decided not to dodge any longer the prohibition and man suffrage bugaboos. The house committee on rules has consented to bring to a vote on the floor of the house the constitutional amendments that the women and the anti-liquor workers have fought for so long. It will be a fair and square test of congressional opinion, not to mention congressional courage.

It seems hardly possible that the amendments should receive at this time the two-thirds vote necessary to place them before the country. There appears to be a prevalent conviction that suffrage and prohibition are state issues, and that it would be wrong and unwise for a constitutional majority of states to impose their will in these matters on the other states. Both woman suffrage and prohibition depend for their efficiency very largely on local public opinion. There isn't much use granting the franchise to a community that doesn't want it or won't fight for it, and there isn't much use imposing prohibition on a state that prefers license. Both movements may eventually sweep the whole country, and may then with propriety be handled from Washington, but it isn't evident that either has yet attained national dimensions.

The importance of coming out to vote has been strikingly shown many times in the past few months. In New Hampshire the Democratic gubernatorial nomination was secured by a margin of two votes, and in the elections in Massachusetts cities last week one mayor was chosen by a margin of five votes and another had only seven majority. The man who says "my vote doesn't count" makes no argument; all he is offering is an excuse.

The attack of the German fleet on British coast towns last week did more to arouse the English people than any event of the war. On the day following the raid 100,000 men enlisted for service and in the two following days another 100,000 were added to the rolls. The English people were not well prepared for war, but they realize now that they are fighting for their national existence. With their enormous resources and the help which they will receive from the colonies they will win eventually, but at an awful cost.

New England feels highly encouraged by the permission of the government commission to raise freight rates on its railroads. So bright and cheerful is the future of our railroads that the price of the Boston & Maine shares rose to \$36 and of the New Haven to \$38. It is calculated that the increase will give one of these roads \$150,000 and the other \$200,000 a year more on the same business. But as they are each several millions from earning their dividends, this rate increase is not all they need. For one thing they need more business.

Nicholas J. Lawler, the new postmaster in Greenfield, has called attention to the postoffice department's rule requiring householders to shovel away the snow on walks from houses to the sidewalks, if they expect mail to be delivered. In view of the fact that it is claimed that the Brattleboro village ordinances do not give the authorities power to compel the shoveling of snow from sidewalks it would be a good plan to invoke here the rule which is being enforced in Greenfield. It is not fair to the carriers to make them go over the snow and ice.

WILL SANTA COME?



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The Christmas clubs which are directed by banks and trust companies all over the country serve more than one purpose. They are designed primarily to provide funds for the Christmas season through small systematic savings throughout the year. They accomplish this purpose, and in addition they teach the savings habit and help people to become thrifty. A good percentage of the money saved is kept in the banks, where it will draw interest, and the people who have learned to save will add from time to time to their deposits and eventually have money with which to buy a home or provide a competence for declining years.

Raising Cattle in New England.

Government and stockyard experts tell us that meat at 50c per pound, and shoes at \$10 a pair are possibilities within the next few years. Scarcity of cattle is the reason. What are New Englanders doing to meet the emergency—by raising cattle, for one thing? There is not acreage enough on New England farms to upset the balance of the cattle market, but either one of two reasons points to further utilization of what acreage for pasture there is here. First, perhaps to make living easier for those who buy meat; or, second, to make gener-

ous profit for those who choose to raise cattle. There is a good living on the farm—more than a bare existence. There is comparative independence, and more money saved up at the end of 10 years than by working under hard conditions in the city. And with cattle becoming scarce there is more reason than ever, and from several points of view, for utilizing to the fullest extent the farming country of New England.

Family Rows Among Democrats.

(Rutland News, Dec. 19.)

Frederick W. Childs, whose nomination for postmaster at Brattleboro was made by the President yesterday, was not the choice of the democratic state committee. That committee recommended the appointment of M. J. Moran. Thus, it seems that the plan of having Vermont postmasters named by the state central committee of the party is not to be followed. To the disinterested observer it would appear this was simply another move to create dissatisfaction and factional differences among our unfortunate friends, Vermont Democrats, who have been for years their own worst enemies and given over habitually to family rows.

Concord Monitor: Morris Potash has been petitioned into bankruptcy at Boston, but the official notice does not give Abe Perlmutter as one of the creditors.

The Brattleboro China Store

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

The Christmas spirit is best expressed in the selection of gifts that are both serviceable and beautiful. Whether it be China, Cut Glass, Dinner Ware, Nickel Goods or Electric Portables, we feel sure we can please you in variety, quality and price. A very useful gift is a



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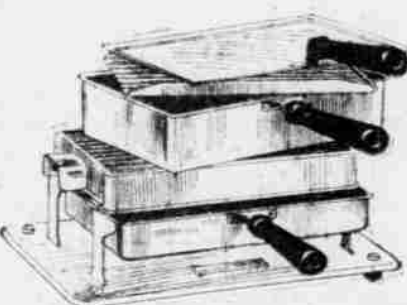
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Thousands of beautiful, pure silk neckwear, all arranged for quick and easy selection, not an old tie or a poor one in the lot. Ties that are 65c elsewhere, depending upon the so-called exclusiveness of the store, and the number of weeks they expect to wait for their pay, are here in great quantities, all of rich, heavy silk, 18 inches long, hand made, 50c.

Neckwear at 25c

Our beautiful silk neckwear, at 25c, will not be equalled elsewhere, in quality, or variety, or patterns. Every color, every shade, all goods neatly boxed, and remember they are pure silk, price, 25c.

Special lot of neckwear at 35c, 3 for \$1; 36 dozen 50c silk knitted ties from Lord & Taylor to be closed out in the holiday season at three for \$1.00.

Sets

Silk Handkerchiefs, Hose and Tie to match; Handkerchief and Hose, or Handkerchief and Tie, 50c, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

Shirts

Plain white and colored Shirts, Bates-Street, Hathaway and Stag brand, 98c, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

An especially fine line of Shirts at \$1.50, Silk negligee Shirts at \$3.00.

Flannel Shirts at 98c, \$1.18, \$1.98 and \$2.18.

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The sort of Jewelry a man prefers—refined, plain designs.

Cuff Links, 25c, 48c, 75c, 98c and \$1.18.

Scarf Pins, 25c, 48c, 75c, 98c up.

Full Dress Sets of Links and Studs at 98c to \$3.00.

Gloves

All grades, all shades, all sizes and for all occasions.

Unlined Street Gloves, 98c to \$2.00.

Silk Lined Gloves, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Wool Lined Gloves, 50c to \$2.00.

Fur Lined Gloves, \$2.98 to \$5.00.

Gauntlet Gloves, Wool Lined, \$2.98 to \$5.

Auto Mittens, Wool Lined, \$1.98 to \$5.

Collar Bags and Handkerchief Cases

A practical gift for men at 98c, \$1.18 up to \$3.00.

Hosiery

Your men folks will thoroughly appreciate the good Hosiery that you select here.

Wool Hose, both light and heavy, 25c, 48c. Silk Hose at 25c and 50c.

Four pairs of Triple-toe Hose—assorted colors in a holiday box at \$1.00.

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs

Lapponette initial Handkerchiefs, 10c, 3 for 25c.

Fine Cambric Initial Handkerchiefs, 15c each, 6 for 75c.

Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c, 6 for \$1.35.

Pure Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, colored borders at 50c.

Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs at 25c and 48c.

Men's and Boys' Sweater Coats

Men's and boys' Sweater Coats are an ideal gift. We have a large selection of pure wool garments; a great variety of colors.

We have taken in 60 dozen Sweaters on consignment and are selling them at about wholesale prices, which are as follows:

\$1.50 Sweaters, consignment sale price, 95c.

\$2.00 Sweaters, consignment sale price, \$1.44

\$2.50 Sweaters, consignment sale price, \$1.92

\$3.00 Sweaters, consignment sale price, \$2.36

\$1.00 Sweaters, consignment sale price, \$4.00

\$5.00 Sweaters, consignment sale price, \$3.81

\$6.00 Sweaters, consignment sale price, \$1.78

\$1.50 Sweaters, consignment sale price, \$5.81

Suspenders

Suspenders boxed at 25c and 50c.

Arm Bands boxed at 19c, 25c and 50c.

Men's Garters boxed at 25c.

Night Robes and Pajamas

A most comfortable gift. We have Faultless Pajamas for men and boys, in one and two piece, at 98c, \$1.48, \$1.98.

Umbrellas

Men's and Boys' Umbrellas, at 48c, 98c, \$1.48, \$1.98, up to \$4.00.

Bath Robes and House Coats

at \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98 up

Goodnow, Pearson & Hunt

OPERATORS OF TEN STORES, BRATTLEBORO, VT.

Power Behind the Throne.

(Barre Times.)

Apparently there are other recommending powers for postoffice jobs in Vermont besides the Democratic state committee. The Brattleboro appointment went to F. W. Childs, the candidate who was not recommended by the state committee. A dispenser of patronage is working behind the scenes.



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